

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming September 2008 as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug disorders are a major public health problem that affect millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's combined; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of addiction-focused health care professionals have dedicated their lives to increasing awareness of alcohol and drug disorders through education and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month recognizes the impact that real people and real stories have on recovery, and celebrates those who have worked to advance the treatment and recovery landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Green, Mayor of the City of Union City, hereby proclaim September 2008, as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and encourage all citizens to observe and support this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery."

DATED: August 14, 2008




MARK GREEN, Mayor